

till the Assizes; but Mr Throckmorton, hoping to get something out of the daughter, persuaded the Justices to let her out on bail to come home with him

The fits continued very grievous with the children all the while she was in prison On Wednesday, 4th April, Mistress Joan Throckmorton went to Huntingdon, and was very well on her way, but half an hour after they had entered the Crown Inn, she fell again in her fit, and neither saw nor heeded any In the evening after the Court had broken up, Mr Justice Fenner, the Judge, who was lodging at the same inn, went into the garden to see the girl, still grievously tormented by her fit Mr Throckmorton told the Judge that if he would command Agnes Samuel, who was standing by, to say certain words his daughter would immediately be well The words were these: ^e As I am a witch and a worse witch than my mother, and did consent to the death of the Lady Cromwell, so I charge the devil to let Mistress Joan come out of her fit at present,' But first, the Judge himself and others to make trial of these words repeated them themselves without avail

Then the Judge bade Agnes Samuel pray for the girl, and whenever she named God or Jesus Christ in her prayer, Mistress Joan was more troubled than before Then she was commanded to say,^c As I am no witch, neither did consent to the death of the Lady Cromwell, so I charge the devil to let Mistress Joan come out of her fit at this present *, but all was to no purpose until Agnes Samuel repeated the first words, when Mistress Throckmorton immediately wiped her eyes and came out of her fit, and made a low reverence to the Judge. But a short while after she fell into another fit, first shaking one leg, then another, with

many other extraordinary passions When the
Judge and others
had prayed without avail, Agnes Samuel was
ordered to speak
these words * As I am a witch and would have
bewitched to
death Mistress Joan Throckmorton in her last
week of her great
sickness, so I charge the devil to let Mistress Joan
to come out of
her fit at this present' This said, Mistress Joan
was immedi-
ately well again

The next day Mother Samuel, her husband, and
her daughter
were indicted with having bewitched to death the
Lady Crom-
well, and having bewitched Mistress Joan
Throckmorton and